

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
O'NEAL ROOM
3/9/15

ATTENDEES:

Deyst	White*	Caccavaro*	Kellar*	McKenna*
DeCoursey	Wallach*	Simmons*	Gibian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Bayer*	Duvadie*	
Kardon*	Beck*	Jones*	Deshler*	
Franclemont*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

VISITORS: None.

MINUTES of 3/4/15 approved as corrected. Unanimous

ART 17 LOCAL OPTION TAXES: No new ones available. VOTED No report at this time.

ART 23 REVALUATION: VOTED \$50,000. Unanimous.

ART 37 PENSION ADJUSTMENTS: The Chair explained this annual article prevents the pension of 25 yr retirees from falling below 50% of the current salary of their former position. VOTED favorable action. Unanimous.

ART 40 LONG TERM STABILIZATION FUND: This fund is expected to reach its \$3m target in FY16. An appropriation next year may not be necessary. VOTED \$100,000 Unanimous.

ART 43 FREE CASH The Town's policy for many years has been to appropriate half of last year's free cash to offset next year's tax rate. VOTED \$3,435,846 to offset the tax rate in FY16. Unanimous.

ART 46 MASTER PLAN: There was a brief discussion of whether to support this resolution. Some members were concerned that the plan will be expensive. Others suggested that the economic development aspects are responsive to long range FinCom concerns. Members to review the plan for a discussion on 3/18.

BUD 17 DPW

NATURAL RESOURCES: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended a revised budget (Ref 1). The new line item, Historic Sculpture Maintenance, is for the Dallin Flagpole, Menotomy Indian & Uncle Sam. White to check the stipend w/ HR. VOTED \$1,276,981. Unanimous.

MAINTENANCE OF TOWN FIELDS: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. The increase is to reduce pressure on the recreation budget. VOTED \$50,000. Unanimous.

TOWN ENGINEER PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. The increase is to cover work on Buzzell Field. VOTED \$143,454. Unanimous.

ADMIN: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. The reduction is because 2 positions were transferred to the new Facilities Department. There was a discussion of the W&S offset. VOTED \$164,288. Unanimous.

HIGHWAYS: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. There is a reduction in the gasoline contract cost. Some new hires have reduced the personnel cost. VOTED \$1,592,791. Unanimous.

SNOW & ICE: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. The cost to date in FY15 is \$1,906,733. The average over recent years is \$1.29m. Of this year's total cost, approximately \$200k, was spent hauling snow & ice out of town. Ryder St could be converted to a snow & ice dump. To discuss w/ Manager. VOTED: \$846,000

HIGHWAY MOTOR EQUIPMENT REPAIR: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. The maintenance line item is less than recent year actuals because the Director hopes to reduce costs with efficiencies. VOTED \$382,431 Unanimous.

SOLID WASTE: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. The collection cost increase is part of a multi year contract. The disposal cost is decreased in accord with terms of the contract. VOTED \$3,410,048. Unanimous.

CEMETERY: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. One part time employee is now full time. VOTED \$247,043. Unanimous

STREET LIGHTS: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. The conversion to LEDs is complete. VOTED \$126,000. Unanimous.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS: PubWksSubCom(Deshler) recommended the budget as printed. This budget was reduced to match actuals. VOTED \$62,500. Unanimous.

BUD 18 COMMUNITY SAFETY – FIRE ALARMS: ComSafeSubCom(Bayer) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$30,000 Unanimous.

BUD 19 INSPECTIONS ComSafeSubCom(Simmons) recommended the budget as printed. The permits revenue, with no large projects underway is still quite large. The Director expects that warrant article 6, if passed, will require additional manpower. VOTED \$419,262. Unanimous.

RESERVE FUND: VOTED \$1,000,000. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: No meeting on Sat 3/14.

RESERVE FUND: \$870,005

Peter Howard 3/10/15. Revised 3/16/15

Ref 1 DPW Natural Resources Budget

